

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 are presently active, Claims 8-15 having been canceled without prejudice and Claims 8-11 and 15 having been withdrawn from further consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 12 was objected to because of the informalities. Claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida (U.S. Pat. No. 5,012,076). Claims 1-7 were indicated as being allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowance for Claims 1-7. In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Claims 8-15 have been canceled without prejudice.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, it is believed that the outstanding rejection has been overcome, and the application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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